

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Agency: Child and Family Services Agency
Contract No.: DCRL-2021-R-0037
Caption: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services
Contractor: Gulf Coast Treatment Center, Inc.

FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

27 DCMR 1702

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The District of Columbia (“District”), Child and Family Services Agency (“CFSA”) has a need to enter into an emergency contract with Gulf Coast Treatment Center, Inc., to provide Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week to emotionally disturbed wards of the District.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$331,843.40

4. **FACTS THAT JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

CFSA youth (J) is a 14-year-old AA adolescent female diagnosed with conduct disorder, unspecified trauma and stressor related disorder was recommended for residential level of care in context of aggressive and destructive behaviors, dangerous impulsivity, and oppositional behaviors. This youth has a longstanding, pervasive struggle with oppositional behaviors and behavioral appropriateness. Behaviors also include lack of accountability, blaming others, engaging in disrespect and oppositional behaviors with figures of authority, verbal and physical aggression toward peers and staff alike, as well as “extensive” property damage history and elopement history. This youth has also attempted to put a baby into a dryer, hiding knives under her bed. Emotional dysregulation episodes are described as kicking, screaming, throwing items. She has a history of stealing from peers in milieu, and lying about it. Her referral was sent to all CFSA contracted facilities and was only accepted to Devereux FL, however, there were no slots available until after the new year.

CFSA also have another youth (AS) who have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder (current episode manic severe with psychotic features), disappearance and death of a family member, and bereavement (uncomplicated). AS's maternal grandmother died last year, and AS missed the funeral due to being hospitalized. She has a history of frequent hospitalizations for self-harm (cutting of her wrists), suicide attempt (taking pills), suicidal ideation (stating that she is better off dead or that she wants to jump off of a bridge), and homicidal ideation (stating that she wanted to fight and kill her cyberbully). She also displays a range of emotions. Sometimes she is happy, sometimes she is sad, and sometimes she is very angry. Her primary emotion is sadness, while her most repressed emotion appears to be happiness. She had been approved by HSCSN prior to being in the care and custody of CFSA.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Brenda Donald
Director, CFSA

Date

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Agency Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Agency Contracting Officer